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SUBJECT: CIA FLIGHTS - FOREIGN MINISTER CALLING IN
AMBASSADOR

REF: A. LUXEMBOURG 37

B. LUXEMBOURG 40

Classified By: A/DCM Dan Foote,; Reason 1.4 (C) and (D)

1. (U) This message contains an urgent action request -
please see para 7.

2. (S) Summary: GOL interest in Foreign Minister Asselborn's February 1 statements on reports and commentary regarding possible CIA flights into Luxembourg on January 30 and 31 (ref A) has increased, and FM Asselborn has been called to speak before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Luxembourg Chamber of Deputies (Parliament) on Monday, February 6, at 9AM local time. Additionally, a formal Parliamentary question on this matter has been posed to FM Asselborn, Defense and Budget Minister Frieden, and Transportation Minister Lux; they must respond within 30 days.

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[REDACTED] End Summary.

3. (C) In an interview on local RTL Radio Luxembourg during drive-time on February 3, current Member of Parliament of the Western European Union and former Minister of Defense and Cooperation Charles Goerens called on FM Asselborn to get answers on these flights from the USG or the CIA. Goerens mentioned conventions from the late 1950's under which planes transporting prisoners would need to declare that fact to governments in countries through which flights traverse. Goerens also speculated that, if these flights were operated by the CIA, it may be part of a policy to involve many European countries in order to divert attention from other operations. He also postulated that FM Asselborn should raise this with the U.S. at the highest levels, suggesting that a call from the FM to Secretary Rice might be appropriate. He mentioned Asselborn's appearance before the Foreign Relations Committee on February 6, and expressed hope that Asselborn would have additional answers then.

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